

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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WHEREAS, cities across America have been plagued by the numerous problems associated with alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use; and

WHEREAS, substance abuse is particularly damaging to one of our most valuable resources, our children, and a contributing factor in the three leading causes of death for teenagers – accidents, homicides, and suicides, and

WHEREAS, *October 22- 26, 2012* has been designated National Red Ribbon Week, calling on all Americans to show their support for a drug-free nation by wearing a red ribbon during that week; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of Red Ribbon Week and the City of Sumter to involve families, schools, businesses, churches, law enforcement agencies and service organizations in all aspects of this campaign and establish an atmosphere that supports awareness, education and ongoing initiatives to prevent illegal drug use; and

WHEREAS, the Red Ribbon Week Campaign promotes family and individual responsibilities for living healthy, drug-free lifestyles, without illegal drugs or the illegal use of legal drugs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Joseph T. McElveen, Jr., Mayor of the City of Sumter, do hereby proclaim the week of *October 22 - 26, 2012* to be

"RED RIBBON WEEK"
in the
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and urge all citizens to join in the week’s activities and to work all year long to protect our community from the dangers of alcohol and other drugs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this proclamation will be presented to the principal of Wilder Elementary School for display during its Red Ribbon Week celebration (October 22 – 26).

Joseph T. McElveen, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda D. Hammett, City Clerk